

Question on Notice

No. 1306

Asked on 9 November 2022

MR D JANETZKI asked the Minister for Children and Youth Justice and Minister for Multicultural Affairs (HON L LINARD)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise how many safety assessments were completed by the Toowoomba South Child Safety Service Centre in the weeks commencing (a) 6 December 2021, (b) 13 December 2021, (c) 20 December 2021, (d) 27 December 2021 and (e) 3 January 2022?

ANSWER

The purpose of the safety assessment is to assist Child Safety Officers in assessing whether any child is currently in *immediate danger* of serious harm, and if needed, determining what intervention should be maintained or initiated to ensure the children's safety.

An initial safety assessment is conducted during the first in-person contact related to an Investigation and Assessment, and then as required during any subsequent intervention with the family.

If one or more immediate harm indicators are identified, Child Safety Officers will implement the most appropriate safety plan to ensure the child's immediate safety.

The Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs' (DCYJMA) primary focus is on the needs of each individual child. As safety plans are to support the specific circumstances and needs of each child or young person, details related to safety plans, and associated actions required to maintain the safety and wellbeing of each child, are managed by Child Safety Officers at the local level on individual case files.

DCYJMA has one of the most open and comprehensive reporting systems across Australia. All measures are reported on via DCYJMA's Our Performance website (www.performance.cyjma.qld.gov.au).

However, to obtain the specific data requested would require manual collection and collation from departmental systems on each individual client files. Obtaining this data would take valuable resources away from frontline service delivery.